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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid by order on the Treasurer.

1881. To paid—		
March	20. Frank Peverly, lighting Canterbury bridge,	\$15.00
	21. W. C. Marden, digging grave,	2.00
	Isaac K. Gage, bal. precinct tax, '80,	25.00
	lighting town bridges, etc.,	57.88
April	1. H. S. Chase, printing town reports,	25.00
	16. Hollis Towne, sheep killed by dogs,	15 00
	23. Samuel Choate, " "	4.87
	Royal Choate, " "	5.25
	Folsom Bros., " "	6.75
	19. Frank J. Plummer, digging graves,	3.00
	30. E. A. Griffin, bounty on hawk,	.20
	26. Dr. A. E. Emery, certificate births and deaths,	3.00
May	7. F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2 00
June	11. C. N. Butler, notifying town officers,	10.89
	25. J. E. Rines, watering-trough, '80,	3.00
July	1. I. K. Gage, precinct tax in part,	90.00
Aug.	17. Bishop Bros., ladders for engine-house,	8.25
	29. Watering-trough, Fisherville,	138.01
	30. Jas. W. Bent, digging grave,	2.00
Sept.	6. Edwd. Little, cow for F. J. Plummer,	32.00
Oct.	3. Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	15.00
	17. I. K. Gage, precinct tax,	76.25
	29. Daniel Smith, sheep killed by dogs,	7.50
Nov.	11. Samuel Marden, fencing graveyard,	20.00
	25. E. C. Morse, digging graves,	6.00
Dec.	5. Mary L. Dodge and sister, watering-trough,	6.00
	21. Isaac K. Gage, watering-trough,	3.00
	31. Chas. J. Chadwick, making bier,	3.00
	Torrent Engine Co., Geo. E. Fisher,	250.00
1882.		
Jan.	9. Isaac K. Gage, precinct com.,	76.25
	18. Joseph Nolan, hooks for engine-house,	2.25
	31. C. W. Bounty, bounty on hawk,	.20

To paid—

Feb.	2.	E. E. Graves, record of births and deaths,	\$11.50
		R. S. Pritchard, digging graves,	4.00
	7.	N. Butler, att'y and auditor,	20.00
	8.	F. J. Plummer, digging grave,	1.50
	11.	John P. Hubbard, tax claims bought,	136.80
	15.	Dr. J. J. Dearborn, record birth and death,	.75
		Geo. P. Titcomb, " "	.50
	18.	Chas. E. Chadwick, books for poor,	4.00
		Joseph Chandler, " "	10.37
		Frank L. Gerrish, board of selectmen,	6 00
		Jas. H. Gill, care of town hall,	4.25
		E. C. Morse, digging graves,	4.00
		S. G. Noyes, printing,	6.33
		D. Arthur Brown, work and castings,	6.13
		Geo. E. Kimball, wood for engine-house,	4.00
	20.	M. E. Haines, lock for lobby,	.75
		J. C. Pearson, use of team for out of town,	7.25
		W. D. Colby, discount on taxes,	249.92
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			\$1,405.05

Roads and Bridges.

1881. Paid—

March	23.	Henry Coffin, breaking roads,	\$5.65
		Joseph Crowell, " "	1.80
April	20.	W. C. Marden, " "	3.60
	30.	B. F. Griffin, " "	4.50
May	13.	Peter M. Chadwick, damage and work,	10.00
June	24.	Geo. H. Gitchell, plank for bridge,	9.65
	28.	H. W. Flanders, " "	9.80
Sept.	19.	Northern R. R. Co., freight on tile,	1.80
		Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, " "	19.20
	24.	H. S. Webster, water trough,	3.00
		work on road,	3.75
		Joseph Eastman, building road,	45.00
	28.	Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, pipe,	2.88
		H. W. Clapp, sewer inlet pipe,	7.25
Oct.	29.	E. G. Cate, railing, etc.,	9.03
Nov.	12.	H. W. Flanders, timber and plank,	12.45
	26.	Caleb C. Holt, " "	3 00
		Geo. W. Fisher, " "	1.50
Dec.	2.	Robt. B. Hoit, work on road,	4.35
	5.	E. B. Atkinson, cutting bushes,	1.50
	30.	Wm. B. Burpee, " "	5.00

1882.

Jan.	5.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, cover for water-trough,	12.20
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To paid—

Jan.	19.	Town of Webster, repairs on bridge,	\$8.33
	31.	E. B. Atkinson, cutting bushes,	3.00
Feb.	2.	Foote & Morse, cement,	2.25
	18.	Samuel Choate, breaking roads,	1.50
		Geo. W. Fisher, " "	3.32
		Henry L. Ferrin, winter road,	4.00
		F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber,	23.24
		Ira N. Colby, cutting bushes,	9.00
		L. T. Boyce, work on road,	22.00
		gravel,	4.00
		E. G. Cate, work on road,	4.50
	20.	David Abbott, cover for reservoir,	.75
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			\$262.80

Aid to Poor.

1881.

March	21.	Albert Mason, aid Chas. Davis,	\$1.50
April	26.	Dr. A. E. Emery, care and medicine, C. Davis,	3.00
June	4.	J. C. Pearson, aid A. Pixley,	3 50
Aug.	18.	Foote & Morse, aid Joseph Chase,	10.00
Dec.	15.	Transient paupers, aid to Mrs. Chandler and others,	7.77

1882.

Feb.	2.	Foote & Morse, aid Geo. C. Lord,	5.00
		Wm. Smart,	3 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid Geo. C. Lord,	6.00
		W. A. Huntress,	15.00
		Wm. Smart,	43.02
		A. Pixley,	1.50
		Dennis Curtis,	2.50
		D. Martell,	20.00
		Jenness,	3.00
		Chas. Davis,	171.58
		C. H. Carter, aid Luke Call,	4.00
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			\$300.37

Above paid by County.

1881.

April	23.	John Shaw, aid to F. J. Plummer,	\$12.50
Dec.	31.	Sam'l Choate, " "	5.00

1882.

Jan.	16.	John Shaw, " "	48.00
Feb.	15.	N. H. Arey, medical attendance F. J. Plummer,	5.25
	18.	E. E. Graves, " " "	22.40

To paid—

Feb. 20.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plummer,	\$51.75
	A. G. Kimball, aid to transient,	3.50
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		\$148.40

Schools.

1881. Paid—

June 29.	G. L. Pillsbury, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 1,	\$54.00
Nov. 9.	“ “ “ “	66.00

1882.

Jan. 9.	“ “ “ “	15.00
Feb. 18.	“ “ “ “	125.00
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		\$260.00

1881.

June 25.	George C. Hale, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 2,	\$40.00
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1882.

Jan. 28.	“ “ “ “	46.90
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		\$86.00

July 9.	John Seavey, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 3,	\$60.00
Nov. 2.	“ “ “ “	60.00

1882.

Feb. 18.	“ “ “ “	95.00
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		\$215.00

1881.

June 25.	Chas. J. Rand, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 4,	\$36.00
Nov. 26.	“ “ “ “	65.00
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		\$101.00

1881.

July 6.	J. G. Eastman, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 5,	\$60.00
Nov. 17.	“ “ “ “	53.00
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		\$113.00

1881.

June 26.	J. A. McClure, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 6,	\$55.00
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1882.

Jan. 18.	“ “ “ “	63.00
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		\$118.00

1881.

June 30.	Jos. Chandler, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 7,	\$325.00
Nov. 18.	“ “ “ “	200.00

To paid—

Dec. 21.	Jos. Chandler, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 7,	\$100.00	
1882.			
Feb. 18.	Jos. Chandler, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 7,	461.00	
		<hr/>	\$1086.00
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			\$1979.00

Non-resident Highway Tax Worked.

1881.			
July 11.	W. B. Burpee, surveyor,		\$18.64
	30. Joseph Crowell, “		4.88
Nov. 26.	Geo. W. Fisher, “		4.44
1882.			
Feb. 15.	Geo. H. Folsom, “		8.32
	18. Ira N. Colby, “		3.37
	Hollis Towne, “		4.00
	20. Chas J. Rand, “		2.75
	Joseph Wilson, “		7.75
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			\$54.15

Town Officers.

1881.	Paid—		
March 22.	Ira Towle, police officer, 1880,	\$10.00	
1882.			
Feb. 15.	John P. Hubbard, auditor,	2.00	
	18. C. E. Chadwick, town-clerk,	38.00	
	Frank Haley, supt. school committee,	35.00	
	Sam'l Choate, services as selectman,	75.00	
	W. D. Colby, collector,	75.00	
	M. E. Haines, police officer,	20.00	
	20. George E. Kimball, treasurer,	50.00	
	J. C. Pearson, school committee, dis-		
	trict No. 7,	10.00	
	A. G. Kimball, police officer,	20.00	
	John C. Pearson, services as select-		
	man,	75.00	
	Frank L. Gerrish, services as select-		
	man,	60.00	
		<hr/>	\$470.00

Notes Paid.

John Whitaker, note and interest,	\$1,032.83
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State, County, and School-House Tax, District No. 1.

State tax,	\$2,056.00	
County tax,	2,313.00	
School-house, district No. 1,	60.00	
		<hr/> \$4,429.00

Abatement of Taxes.

1881.		
July 30. E. E. Towne, overtax,	\$1.97	
1882.		
Feb. 15. J. P. Hubbard, list of 1880,	19.86	
" " 1879,	5.97	
20. W. D. Colby, list of 1881,	31.11	
		<hr/> \$58.91

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous bills,	\$1,389.85	
Roads and bridges,	262.80	
Aid to poor,	448.77	
Schools,	1,979.00	
Notes,	1,032.83	
State and county tax,	4,369.00	
Abatement of taxes,	58.91	
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	54.15	
Town officers,	470.00	
School-house tax, district No. 1,	60.00	
		<hr/> \$10,125.31

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Royal Choate, notes,	\$380.00	
Torrent Engine Co., note and interest,	321.18	
School district No. 7, Joseph Chandler, pruden-		
tial committee,	257.86	
Samuel Choate, note,	300.00	
		<hr/> \$1,259.04

ASSETS.

Tax claims bought by town,	\$142 43	
Cow at Frank Plummer's,	25.00	
J. P. Hubbard, collector, 1875,	125.24	

W. D. Colby, collector, 1881,	\$431.89	
Due from county for transients,	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$728.06
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$530.98

JOHN C. PEARSON,
SAMUEL CHOATE,
FRANK L. GERRISH,

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Boscawen.

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the treasurer and selectmen for the year 1881-'82, report that they have examined the accounts, and find the receipts to have been, from March 1, 1881, to February 20, 1882, \$10,158.72, and the disbursements by the treasurer to have been, on outstanding orders drawn in 1880, \$37.21, and on orders drawn in 1881-'82, \$10,085.11, amounting in the whole to \$10,122.32, leaving in the hands of the treasurer a balance of \$36.40. We also find the amount of claims allowed, and orders drawn by the selectmen of 1881-'82, to be \$10,125.31;—all which accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast.

N. BUTLER,
LUTHER GAGE,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN,

From March 1, 1881, to Feb. 21, 1882.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following receipts to cash received :

1881.	Of	
March 7.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of 1880,	\$100.00
	16. J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of 1880,	200.00
April 29.	Merrimack county,	17.73
May 10.	G. H. Gleason's tax of 1879,	18.50
	28. Asa M. Gage's tax of 1879,	132.22
	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1880,	31.13
June 18.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	400.00

Of—

June	24.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	\$225.00
	25.	Samuel Marden's tax, 1880,	4.71
	28.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881.	600.81
	29.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	296.05
	30.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	1,602.57
July	2.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	558.29
		W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	1,065.76
Nov.	5.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	170.00
	9.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	80.00
	10.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	69.00
	11.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	118.00
	26.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	160.00
	30.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	122.00
Dec.	3.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	140.00
	10.	Asa M. Gage's tax for 1880,	84.14
	16.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	165.06
	17.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	36.43
	30.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	95.00
	31.	C. J. Chadwick,	2.00
1882.			
Jan.	5.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	35.00
	20.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	90.00
Feb.	4.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	234.76
	7.	S. P. Danforth's tax, 1880,	9.32
	8.	Merrimack county,	301.37
	14.	Selectmen,	380.00

Of—

Feb. 14.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1880,	\$136.30
15.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1879,	21.11
	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1880,	100.47
	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	50.00
18.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	314.79
	Railroad tax,	302.77
	Savings bank tax,	793.60
	Literary fund,	80.84
20.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	67.96
21.	W. D. Colby, on his collection for 1881,	420.53
	F. L. Gerrish,	25.00
	Selectmen,	300.00
		————— \$10,158.72

The Treasurer discharges himself as follows:

By payment of note and state and county tax,	\$5,401.83
Payment of orders drawn by selectmen, numbered from 1 to 153, inclusive,	4,720.49
Cash in the hands of the treasurer,	36.40
	————— \$10,158.72

GEO. E. KIMBALL,
Town Treasurer.

Boscawen, Feb. 21, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Every term of the schools, under my supervision, has, in my judgment, been more or less successful. I do not think I have a single failure to report. Each of four districts wisely employed one teacher for the year. In each instance a much greater success was secured than could well have been possible by changing teachers.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The law of our state, as to changes in text-books, is both wise and eminently beneficial. *The fewest changes, consistent with the best interests of our schools, should be made.* And in displacing any book now in use, the greatest care should be taken to secure the *very best* text-book in its department. Yet *very rare* changes in text-books would be justified, even were the new book in itself no improvement upon the old. Too long use of any one text-book in our schools tends to lessen and dull the interest of the pupils, and to substitute recitation by rote for real knowledge. An improved speller, the best, it is believed, has been adopted this year.

Every prudential committee the coming year is earnestly recommended to introduce into his school a Numeral Frame for the use of the primary classes in arithmetic. Thus, at a very trifling cost to each district, the progress of these classes may be very greatly promoted.

It is much to be desired that the parents should feel and manifest a deeper interest in our public schools. Your committee is glad to mention that some of the parents have been present at most of the final examinations.

We have occasion to be thankful for our home talent in teachers, and this not in depreciation of teachers from out of town.

DISTRICT No. 1.

All three terms were under the instruction of Miss Minnie E. Morse, an earnest, faithful, and progressive teacher. This school showed increasing progress during the whole year. Especially worthy of note were the classes in grammar, algebra, and geometry. The classes in arithmetic were unusually well drilled at the blackboard, and solved examples with great promptness and accuracy. Considerable attention was given to the best English literature.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Mary F. Huntress.
Mabel A. Carter.

Second Term.

Mary F. Huntress.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The first term was taught by Miss Luella G. Silver. The order seemed to be excellent. The teacher was evidently faithful in using old methods of instruction. Good progress was made by some of the classes; fair progress by all. Addie M. Woods did not miss a word in spelling during the whole term.

The teacher for the second term was Miss Marian H. Seavey. Good order and good progress characterized the school. Of both teacher and pupils it may be said, "Well done." Marked improvement was made by all the classes.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Hannah L. Plumer.
Mary A. Plumer.
Cora E. Hale.
Fred G. Hale.

Second Term.

Hannah L. Plumer.
Charlotte M. Plumer.
Addie M. Woods.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Isabel Seavey taught this school during the year, of three terms. A marked characteristic of both teacher and pupils during the whole year was a steady enthusiasm in their work. Much real progress was made in all the studies. A very great amount of good work was done in the second term. The third term was somewhat broken by rough weather and by sickness, but much solid work was done. The classes in reading were thoroughly drilled. During the last part of the year there was a large class using Quackenbos's U. S. History as a reading-book, with daily examinations. Under Miss Seavey, this method of studying history proved very successful.

ROLL OF HONOR.

<i>First Term.</i>	Mabel Perry.
Edith S. Durgin.	George Dumas.
Mary A. Durgin.	Frank G. Sargent.
Mary M. Dumas.	<i>Second Term.</i>
Emma W. Perry.	Jessie P. Raymond.
Jessie P. Raymond.	Lucy M. Raymond.
Lucy M. Raymond.	Mary A. Durgin.
Nettie M. Sargent.	

DISTRICT No. 4.

Both terms of this school were under the instruction of Miss Sarah E. Coffin, an experienced and faithful teacher. Much solid work was done. The class in book-keeping presented results eminently satisfactory; also the class in algebra. Worthy of note, also, was a class of three young ladies in analysis. Good progress was also made in geography, arithmetic, and other branches. History was taught in this school, also, by using it as a text-book in reading, accompanied with constant examinations. Miss Coffin also demonstrated the great value of the large map of New Hampshire, a copy of which hangs in each of our school-rooms.

ROLL OF HONOR.

<i>First Term.</i>	
Mary H. Choate.	Lizzie M. Choate.
Mary I. Rand.	

DISTRICT No. 5.

The first term was under Miss Mattie L. Sawyer,—a quiet, patient, faithful teacher. The order was very excellent. At the close of the term there was manifest evidence of hard and successful study. Miss Sawyer seemed most in her element with her classes in algebra and arithmetic. Well worthy of mention was the class in algebra. All the mathematical classes were well drilled at the blackboard. The wall maps were used by the whole school, with the best results.

Miss Carrie W. Sawyer had charge of the second term. The school opened well. On account of illness your committee was unable to visit this school at the close of this term. But the examination papers were sent to me, and from them I judge the school to have reached a fair degree of success. And this seems to be the common judgment of the district.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Lulie E. Towne.

Second Term.

Viola A. Paige.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Both terms were under the charge of Miss S. Pauline Little,—an energetic and successful teacher. No pupil failed to make fair progress, and very excellent work was done by some of the classes. All the classes made a good appearance on the floor—*"on a line," erect, attentive.*

The second term was greatly interrupted by the illness of more than half the pupils. Less than half were present at the final examination. Yet substantial, and in some cases quite marked, progress was evident. The primary class in geography would have been our banner class had it not been broken by sickness.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Alice Chase.

Ava Griffin.

Alice Hardy.

Mattie Hardy.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

No. of District.	Term.	Wages per Month.	No. of Weeks.	Whole No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.
No. 1.	1st Term.	\$24.00	9	14	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
“	2nd Term.	24.00	11	22	20
“	3d Term.	28.00	14	24	20 $\frac{1}{3}$
No. 2.	1st Term.	16.00	8	10	9
“	2nd Term.	20.00	9	14	13
No. 3.	1st Term.	24.00	10	22	20
“	2nd Term.	24.00	10	23	17
“	3d Term.	26.00	12	19	15
No. 4.	1st Term.	20.00	8	8	5
“	2nd Term.	20.00	12	7	5
No. 5.	1st Term.	21.00	9.6	16	14
“	2nd Term.	21.00	11.4	18	15.6
No. 6.	1st Term.	20.00	8	19	17
“	2nd Term.	20.00	12	23	17

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The several terms have been in a fair degree successful, though much interfered with by sickness, scarlet fever and other diseases having prevailed to such an extent that the attendance has been very irregular. One bright and promising scholar, who always did the best she could,—Lena F. Bickford,—has died; and although she had not been long in attendance, had made for herself a place in the school and in the affections of all who had to do with her which cannot be filled.

The teachers have all given their best efforts to make their schools profitable, notwithstanding the adverse conditions which they could not control.

The fall term of the grammar school was very excellent, leaving but small ground on which to suggest an improvement,—all the fundamental branches, together with Latin, music, drawing, and penmanship, having each its due share of attention.

At the last annual meeting in this school district, it was voted to instruct the prudential committee to hire competent teachers in vocal music and drawing. Mr. John Jackman was employed for the summer terms to teach vocal music, which he did very acceptably. Although the method he introduced was entirely new, yet considerable improvement was made. In the primary department there has been no teacher of music since, Miss Stone having done what she could to carry out the method introduced by Mr. Jackman. Nothing has been done in drawing except during the fall term in the grammar school, when Mr. Rundlett, the teacher, gave considerable attention to it. Great progress was shown, as all can testify who saw the drawing-books at the examination at the close. Mr. Rundlett and Mr. Harmon, both being good singers, have given some attention to vocal music during their respective terms as teachers.

An impression seems to prevail that drawing and music are not quite the things for our district schools; and if we do not have teachers who can give instruction in these branches, it can make but little difference. But “the world does move;” and

the same course of study which sufficed for a third of a century ago will not do now. Many of the old branches of study and methods of instruction we cannot afford to give up; but we must keep up with the times if we would have our children receive the full amount of benefit to which they are entitled, and which it is no more than right should be expected. My own opinions on these questions are very decided; and I appeal to you, fathers and mothers, and friends of education, to see to it that no retrograde movement is made on this line. Daniel Webster once said that "What man does for others, not what they do for him, gives him immortality." Shall we not do for our own and our neighbors' children all we can, that they in their day and generation may be able to do the more for others, and so the good work go on until it ends—no, not that,—lives forever in the great eternity to which we all shall soon come?

J. C. PEARSON,
School Committee.

Fisherville, Feb. 20, 1882.

